ഡാക്ടർ എ. ജി. മേനോൻ.—എത്ര കൊല്ലമായി വാടക കൊടുത്തിട്ട്?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—നാലഞ്ചു കൊല്ലമായി.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—മോശമായ കെട്ടിടത്തിൽ സ്കൂൾ നടത്താമൊ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് മിസ്റ്റർ സി. മത്തായി.—അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു രൂപം ഇല്ല.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—On a point of information. I should like to know from the Hon'ble Member for Education whether it is a fact that, during the last annual meeting of the Chittur High School, one student actor happened to act as YamaDharma Raja. As he was acting he issued in the ordinary course of business death warrants to several persons, and at the farce he happened to mention the name of the Headmaster of the High School as one of the names.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—First Assistant.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—For that was the boy taken to task? I should like to know.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It has not been brought to my notice. I have heard it.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Having heard that, have you made any enquiries?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I have not made any enquiries.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I believe some petitions were presented to the Director of Public Instruction.

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമായീൻ.—തൃപ്തികരമായ സമാധാനം പറയുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിലും എന്റെ നാട്ടിലെ പ്രൈമറി വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യത്തിന്നു ഗവർമ്മേന്റു ഇങ്ങിനെ നാം ടീഫ്ലിപ്പിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുപോകരുതു. ഉടമസ്ഥൻ കെട്ടിടം നന്നാക്കിത്തരാത്തപക്ഷം കെട്ടിടം വന്ന ഏറ്റു വാങ്ങികൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ നോട്ടീസു കൊടുക്കയും ഗവർമ്മേന്റു തന്നെ കെട്ടിടം ഉണ്ടാക്കിത്തരികയും ചെയ്യണമെന്നു ഓമ്മിപ്പിച്ചും കൊണ്ടു ഉപക്ഷേപം പിൻവലിക്കുന്നു.

Question proposed: *That the demand for a supplementary grant of Rs. 300 under 'XXII—Industries—Rural Industrial Schools—Scholarship—Cranganur' be granted.*

Question put and agreed to

The Cochin Census Bill.

President.—The Law Member will move that the Cochin Census Bill be read in Council.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Census Bill be read in Council.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.— I second it.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—It has to come into force at once, because proper officers have to be appointed, and they have to do a lot of preliminary work.

Question proposed: *That the Cochin Census Bill be read in Council.*

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Question put and agreed to.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the Bill is "The Cochin Census Bill".

President.—The Law Member will move for the suspension of the rule of time-limit.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon,—I request the President to suspend the rule of time-limit.

President.—It is suspended.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Question proposed: *That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*

Question put and agreed to.

President.—There are Mr. Kunjunni Raja's amendments. Of course, these are general amendments.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I shall explain my position. If the Government is opposing, I shall not move my amendment. I do not find any necessity for an enactment like this to be repeated every time there is a census. My amendment is to enable the Government to place the law on the census on the Statute Book, and the Government can bring it into force without any fresh enactment simply by a notification in the Gazette. The period in which the law is to be in force is also to be fixed by the notification. It is true this is not the practice that is followed in British India. Further there is not much difference between the previous enactment on this subject and the present Bill. My amendment is only to avoid repetition. If the Government is seriously opposing my amendment, I do not want to move it.

President.—Government opposes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Can we know, Sir, why the Government is opposing?

President.—After the census is over, there is no use of it. It is only for the time being. It is not a Regulation that should stand on the Statute Book for ever. It is intended for a specific purpose and for a temporary period. As soon as the purpose is over, the Bill must go out. Now, we shall go clause by clause except the preliminary clause.

The following amendments were not moved and were hence considered withdrawn:—

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.—1. In the preamble omit the words 'during the year 1106'.

2. In section 1 (3) omit the words 'at once' and insert there 'whenever notified to that effect by the Government in the Sirkar Gazette and shall be in force for the period fixed by the Government in such Notification'.

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3. In section 10 (e) omit the words '31st day of March 1931, corresponding to the 18th day of Meenam 1106' and insert there 'day of the Census to be notified by the Government in the Sirkar Gazette.'

President.—"12. (1) The Government may appoint any person to take or aid in, or supervise the taking of, the Census. All persons so appointed shall be called Census-officers.

(2) The Government may appoint a Census Superintendent to control Census operations generally, and they may delegate to such Superintendent the power of appointing Census-officers conferred by sub-section (1)."

Clause put and passed.

President.—"13. (1) A declaration in writing, signed by the Diwan or by the Census Superintendent, that any person has been duly appointed a Census-officer, for any local area, shall be conclusive proof of such appointment.

(2) All Census-officers shall be deemed public servants within the meaning of section 15 of the Cochin Penal Code (Regulation I of 1059)."

Clause put and passed.

President.—"14. (1) (a) Every person (except a pilot or harbour-master) having charge or control of a vessel,

(b) every person in charge of a lunatic or leper asylum, hospital, work-house, prison, or lock-up, or of any public, charitable, religious or educational institution,

(c) every keeper, secretary, or manager of a hotel, boarding house, lodging house, or club, and

(d) every occupant of immovable property who has at the time of the taking of the Census not less than twenty persons living on or in such property, and every manager or officer of a railway or other commercial or industrial establishment who has at such time not less than ten persons employed under him,

shall, if so required by the Government or the Census Superintendent, perform such of the duties of a Census-officer, in relation to the persons who, at the time of the taking of the Census, are under his command or charge or are inmates of his house or are present on or in such immovable property, as the Government or the Census Superintendent, by written order may direct.

(2) All the provisions of this Regulation relating to Census-officers shall apply, so far as they can be made applicable, to all persons performing such duties under sub-section (1), and any person refusing or neglecting to perform any duty which he is directed under sub-section (1) to perform, shall be deemed to have committed an offence under section 173 of the Cochin Penal Code (Regulation I of 1059)."

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—'Lunatic Asylum' may be changed into 'Mental Hospital', because there is no Lunatic Asylum here.

President.—Consistently with the change of the name of 'Lunatic Asylum' into 'Mental Hospital', Mr. Kochunni Menon suggests that it may be changed into 'Mental Hospital in the Bill.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Hospital will include 'Mental Hospital' also.

Clause put and passed with this change that for 'Lunatic Asylum' substitute 'Mental Hospital'.

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President.—"5. (1) The Government or the Census Superintendent may, by written order, call upon all owners or occupiers of land, tenure-holders, farmers or assignees of land revenue, to give such assistance as is required towards the taking of a Census of the persons who are at the time of the taking of the Census on the lands of suoh owners, occupiers, holders, farmers or assignees.

2. Such order shall specify the nature of the assistance required, and such owners, occupiers, holders, farmers or assignees shall be bound to obey it."

Clause put and passed.

President.—"6. Every Census officer may ask all such questions of all persons within the limits of the local area for which he is appointed, as by instructions, issued in this behalf by the Government and published in the Sirkar Gazette, he may be directed to ask."

Clause put and passed.

President.—"7. Every person of whom any question is asked under section 6 shall be legally bound to answer such question to the best of his knowledge or belief :—

Provided that no person shall be bound to state the name of any female member of his household and that no woman shall be bound to state the name of her husband, or deceased husband, or of any other person whose name she is forbidden by custom to mention."

Clause put and passed.

President.—"8. Every person occupying any house, enclosure, vessel or other place shall allow Census officers such access thereto as the latter may require for the purposes of the Census, and as, having regard to the customs of the country, may be reasonable, and shall allow them to paint on or affix to the place such letters, marks or numbers as may be necessary for the purposes of the Census."

Clause put and passed.

President.—"9. (1) Subject to such orders as the Government may issue in this behalf, any Census officer may leave, or cause to be left,

(a) at any dwelling house within the local area for which he is appointed, or

(b) with any manager or officer of any commercial or industrial enterprise who has at the time of the taking of the Census not less than 10 persons employed under him,

a schedule for the purpose of its being filled up by the occupier of such house or of any specified part thereof or by such manager or officer with such particulars as the Government may direct regarding the inmates of such house or part or the persons employed under such manager or officer at the time of the taking of the Census.

(2) When any such schedule has been so left, the occupier of the house or part to which it relates or the manager or officer with whom it is left, shall fill it up, or cause it to be filled up, to the best of his knowledge or belief, so far as regards the inmates of such house or part, as the case may be, or the persons employed under him at the time aforesaid, and shall sign his name thereto, and, when so required, shall deliver the schedule so filled up and signed to the Census officer or to such person as he may direct."

Clause put and passed.

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President.—"10. In any of the following cases, namely :—

(a) if a Census officer or a person appointed to be a Census officer or a person lawfully required to give assistance towards the taking of a Census, refuses or neglects to use reasonable diligence in performing any duty imposed upon him, or in obeying any order issued to him in accordance with this Regulation, or with any rule duly made thereunder ;

(b) if a Census officer intentionally puts any offensive or improper question or knowingly makes any false return or, without the previous sanction of the Government, discloses any information which he has received by means of, or for the purposes of a Census return,

(c) if any person refuses to answer to the best of his knowledge or belief any question asked of him by a Census officer, which he is legally bound by section 7 so to answer,

(d) if any person occupying any house, enclosure, vessel or other place refuses to allow a Census officer such reasonable access thereto as he is required by section 8 to allow,

(e) if any person removes, obliterates, alters, or injures before the 31st day of March 1931, corresponding to the 18th day of Meenam 1106, any letters, marks, or numbers which have been printed or affixed for the purposes of the Census,

(f) if any occupier of a dwelling house or part thereof or any person with whom a schedule is left under section 9, knowingly and without sufficient cause, fails to comply with the provisions of section 9 or makes any false return under that section,

(g) if any person voluntarily obstructs any Census officer in the discharge of any function connected with Census operations,

he shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty rupees."

Clause put and passed.

President.—"11. Sections 55, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 of the Cochin Penal Code (Regulation I of 1059) and section 300, 301 and 302 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Regulation II of 1086) shall apply to all fines imposed under this Regulation."

Clause put and passed.

President.—"12. (1) All prosecutions under this Regulation shall be instituted before the District Magistrate.

(2) No prosecution under this Regulation shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Government."

Clause put and passed.

President.—"13. (1) No person shall have a right to inspect any book, register or record made by a Census officer in the discharge of his duty as such officer or any schedule delivered under section 9.

(2) No entry in any book, register, or record made by a Census office in the discharge of his duty as such officer, and no entry in a schedule delivered under section 9, shall be admissible as evidence in any civil proceedings, or any proceeding under Chapter XII or Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Regulation II or 1086)"

Clause put and passed.

President.—"14. (1) The Government may make rules for carrying

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out the purposes of this Regulation, and the rules, when made and published in the Cochin Government Gazette, shall have the same force as the provisions of this Regulation.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, the Government may make rules providing

(a) for the appointment of Census officers and of persons to perform any of the duties of Census officers or to give assistance towards the taking of a Census and for the general instructions to be issued to such officers and persons;

(b) for the enumeration of persons employed on railways and their families, and of other classes of the population for whom it may be necessary or expedient to make special provision; and

(c) for the enumeration of persons travelling when a Census is taken."

Clause put and passed.

President.—Then the preamble and clause 1.

"Whereas it has been determined to take a Census of the Cochin State during the year 1106, and it is expedient to provide for certain matters in connection with the taking of such Census, it is hereby enacted as follows:—"

"1. (1) This Regulation may be called the Cochin Census Regulation, 1105.

(2) It shall apply to the whole of the Cochin State.

(3) It shall come into force at once."

Preamble and clause (1) put and agreed to.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I beg to move that the Bill be taken up and passed to-morrow, the 1st of May 1930.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Question proposed: *"That the Bill be taken up and passed on Thursday, the 1st of May 1930."*

Question put and agreed to.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—May I know, Sir, what has been decided about the adjournment motion?

President.—I shall consider it. I shall be able to pass orders on it only to-morrow.

The House rose for lunch at 2' to 2 p. m. and met again at 3 p. m. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Amendments to Standing Orders.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I beg to move for leave to amend the Standing Orders.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I have not received a copy of the draft amendments to the Standing Orders with the agenda.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It was circulated among the Members long ago.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The Member for Chalakkudi and the Member for Irinjalakkuda have not received the same.

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